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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-82 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) 1-82 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date: ____. | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____. |

Election/Restrictions

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-25, drawn to a combination of an implant device and a data processing system, classified in class 600, subclass 377.
- II. Claims 26-41, drawn to a method of processing data from a device adapted to be implanted, classified in class 600, subclass 377.
- III. Claims 51-62, drawn to a computer operable program, classified in class 600, subclass 301.
- IV. Claims 63-68, drawn to a system of providing feedback, classified in class 600, subclass 301.
- V. Claims 69-74, drawn to a method of providing feedback, classified in class 600, subclass 300.
- VI. Claims 75-80, drawn to a computer operable program for providing feedback, classified in class 600, subclass 300.
- VII. Claim 81, drawn to a system for remote cardiac care using telemetry classified in class 607, subclass 60.
- VIII. Claim 82, drawn to a method of providing remote cardiac care with feedback, classified in class 600, subclass 508.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions I, II, III, IV, VI and VII as compared to inventions II, V, VIII are related as product and process of use. The inventions can be shown to be distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) the process for using the product as claimed can

be practiced with another materially different product or (2) the product as claimed can be used in a materially different process of using that product (MPEP § 806.05(h)). In the instant case t apparati can be used in methods other than the recited methods since the computer programs of III and VI could be used to retrieve data from other sources of data as opposed to implanted devices, and the apparatus of invention I may be used in a method that does not provide feedback to the patient (V) or specifically for cardiac care (VIII). The measurement sets collected in the apparatus IV may be collected from other sources, since sets being from an implanted device is merely an intended use as opposed to a method which actually uses an implantable device (V)

Inventions I as compared to III, IV, VI and VII are related as combination and subcombination. Inventions in this relationship are distinct if it can be shown that (1) the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed for patentability, and (2) that the subcombination has utility by itself or in other combinations (MPEP § 806.05(c)). In the instant case, the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed because the combination in claim 1 (I) does not require computer readable media, feedback or cardiovascular care programs. The subcombination has separate utility such as operating using data sets entered from a keyboard.

Inventions III, IV, VI, VII are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable. In the instant case, each of the inventions

have separate utility such as computer readable programs for handling different types of collected data, providing or not providing feedback, use for cardiac care as opposed to other types of data collection. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

Inventions II, V and VII are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable. In the instant case, each of the inventions have separate utility such as methods for handling different types of collected data, providing or not providing feedback, use for cardiac care as opposed to other types of data collection. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark W. Bockelman whose telephone number is (571) 272-4941. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 8:00 to 4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Angela Sykes can be reached on (571) 272 -4955. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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July 6, 2005


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PATENT EXAMINER